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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Rules are strictly followed in the matter of grant of permits by these authorities. As regards the latter part of the question, the matter is being examined by the Government and they will take a decision very soon."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" What are the principles that the Government take into consideration while reconstituting this Board? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That matter is under examination and I do not think that it will be possible to say it now."

Filter Point Scheme

9–10 a.m. * 1233 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Filter Point Scheme introduced in this State was implemented by the State Government purely with the help of the Central Government;

(*b*) if so, the aid given by the Central Government; and

(*c*) the methods adopted by the State Government for the successful implementation of this Scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, only financial assistance is available for this scheme from the Central Government.

" (*b*) Loans for meeting only the non-recurring cost of the schemes are being given by the Government of India.

" (*c*) (i) The implementation of the scheme has been confined to areas where the water table is high.

(ii) Loans have been granted in the shape of pumping machinery to the applicants in need of financial assistance.

(iii) The hand-boring sets and other equipment in the possession of the Department have been hired out to the ryots concerned in connection with the sinking of filter point wells in their lands under the scheme."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know whether the Hon. the Minister is aware of the fact that the agriculturists who applied for loans under this scheme were compelled by the Agricultural Department to purchase the filter points and other articles only from the companies selected by them at a higher rate when the same articles were available at a lesser rate in other companies? May I know whether the Government have issued any such instructions? If so, will the Government please make an enquiry into the matter and try to refund the excess amount paid by the agriculturists? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, if any machinery is to be purchased under the loan system or the hire-purchase system the Government have to insist on a certain patent type of machinery but I am not aware of any complaints such as those referred to by the hon. Member. If he would specifically refer any such complaints to me, I shall look into them and inform him the correct position."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Pump set கடன் வாங்கவேண்டுமானால் தன் சொத்தின்மேல் ரூ. 2,500 ஜாமீன் கட்டி அதற்க்கப்புறம் மற்றொரு ரூ. 2,500-க்கு இன்னொருவர் Surety-ஆக இருக்கவேண்டும் என்றிருக்கிறது. இதனால் விவசாயிகளுக்கு மிகவும் தொந்தரவு ஏற்படுகிறது. இந்த நிபந்தனையினால் Pump set-கள் வாங்க விவசாயிகளுக்கு முடிகிறதில்லை. ஆதலால் ரூ. 2,500-க்கு Surety போடவேண்டும் என்கிற நிபந்தனையை எடுத்துவிட்டு சொந்த சொத்தின் பேரிலேயே ரூ. 2,500 ஜாமீன் கட்டினால் போதும் என்று சொல்லி அதற்கான உத்திரவை சர்க்கார் பிறப்பிப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" ஜாமீனுக்கு வேண்டிய போதிய சொத்து இருந்தால் அதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்கலாம்."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the filter points supplied by the Government under this scheme are not useful for the purpose for which they were intended? Will the Government come forward to depute a special staff and see that these filter points work properly?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not think so. Perhaps, the hon. Member has very little experience about this matter. On the other hand, several ryots have expressed to me their satisfaction about the successful working of these filter points."

[* 1234 *Q.*—The question was not put by the hon. Member.]

Manhandling by the Police, of Sathyagrahis before Koothali Estate office

1235 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the police manhandled the Sathyagrahis before the Koothali Estate office on February 9, 1955?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. the Minister for Finance whether the Government have received any representation from the Malabar Kisan Sangam in this matter?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."